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EXAMINING GROUP 2665

PATENT  
4450-0148P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Edward KLEIN et al. Conf.: 3531  
Appl. No.: 09/501,202 Group: 2665  
Filed: February 10, 2000 Examiner: VOLPER, Thomas  
For: SYSTEM FOR NON-DISRUPTIVE INSERTION AND  
REMOVAL OF NODES IN AN ATM SONET RING

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE  
PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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June 17, 2004

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated February 17, 2004 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-29.

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The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of ( ) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a).

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

☒ NO extensions of time have been previously obtained for responding to the Final Rejection. Thus a fee of \$110.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.

☐ An extension of ( ) month(s) for responding to the Final Rejection was previously requested and paid for on \_\_\_\_\_. Thus a fee of \$0.00 is required to obtain an additional ( ) month(s) for filing the Notice of

Appeal.

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The Government fee for filing a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals is calculated as follows:

☒ Large entity - \$330.00

☐ Small Entity - \$165.00

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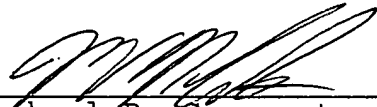
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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